

Amendments to the Drawings

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), please amend the drawings by substituting the accompanying new four (4) replacement sheets for the original drawings. These new sheets are in substitution of the original drawings in the original application. All of such sheets are identified as “Replacement Sheet” in accordance with the rules. All of such sheets accompany this document.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d)(1), the drawing corrections are accompanied by four (4) marked copies of the original drawings for FIG.1, FIG.6, FIG.8, and FIG.9, showing changes in red. The drawings reflect corrections of certain typographical errors and conform the drawings to the specification. All of such marked sheets are identified as “Annotated Sheet” in accordance with the rules. No new matter has been added.

Remarks

The present amendment is made solely for the purpose of correcting certain typographical errors in the specification and the drawings in the above-identified application.

In addition, four sheets of replacement drawings are submitted herewith. Applicants submit that corrected drawings and the specification amendments contain no new matter. All of such marked sheets are identified as “Annotated Sheet” in accordance with the rules. The accompanying new four sheets of “replacement drawings” have been corrected to correct typographical errors and conform the drawings to the specification as follows:

1. In FIG. 1, numerals, --132-- and --134--, were added to properly identify “OTHER HOST ON NETWORK”, so as to conform the drawing to the specification.

2. In FIG. 1, numeral “132” was deleted and replaced with numeral --136-- to make the drawing consistent with the specification.

3. In FIG. 6, “9B” was deleted and replaced with --9C-- to correct a scrivener’s error.

4. In FIG. 6, “9C” was deleted and replaced with --9B-- to correct a scrivener’s error.

5. In FIG. 8, numerals “510”, “520”, “530”, “870” were deleted and replaced with numerals --610--, --620--, --630--, --872--, respectively, to make the drawing consistent with the specification.

6. In FIG. 9, numerals “640” and “670” were deleted and replaced with numerals --620-- and --630--, respectively, to make the drawing consistent with the specification.

If there any are other issues that can be resolved by telephone regarding these corrections, please contact the undersigned at 404-233-7000.

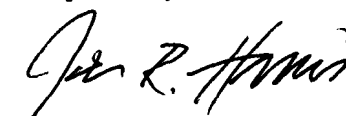
Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Pursuant to MPEP Section 1302.14, the following comments by the Applicant are provided so that the record is clear that the Applicant does not necessarily agree with all of the reasons given by the examiner for allowing this application. Although the Applicant appreciates the allowance, these comments are believed necessary so as to negate any presumption of acquiescence to those reasons and any negative inferences that may flow therefrom.

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance was included with the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 5, 2007. That Statement set forth an interpretation of the disclosure of certain references (mainly, the Mahoney article) and indicated that nowhere in the prior art is found collectively certain identified *italicized* claim elements, some of which were reproduced in the Statement.

Although the Applicant appreciates and agrees with the examiner that the prior art cited does not anticipate individually nor teach in combination the Applicant's inventions, the Applicant wishes to state for the record its assertion that none of the references of record—including but not limited to the Mahoney reference, as well as the other references—anticipate, disclose, teach or suggest the inventions as set forth in the claims in this application as allowed, and not necessarily as summarized and/or characterized by the examiner, whether or not as italicized, in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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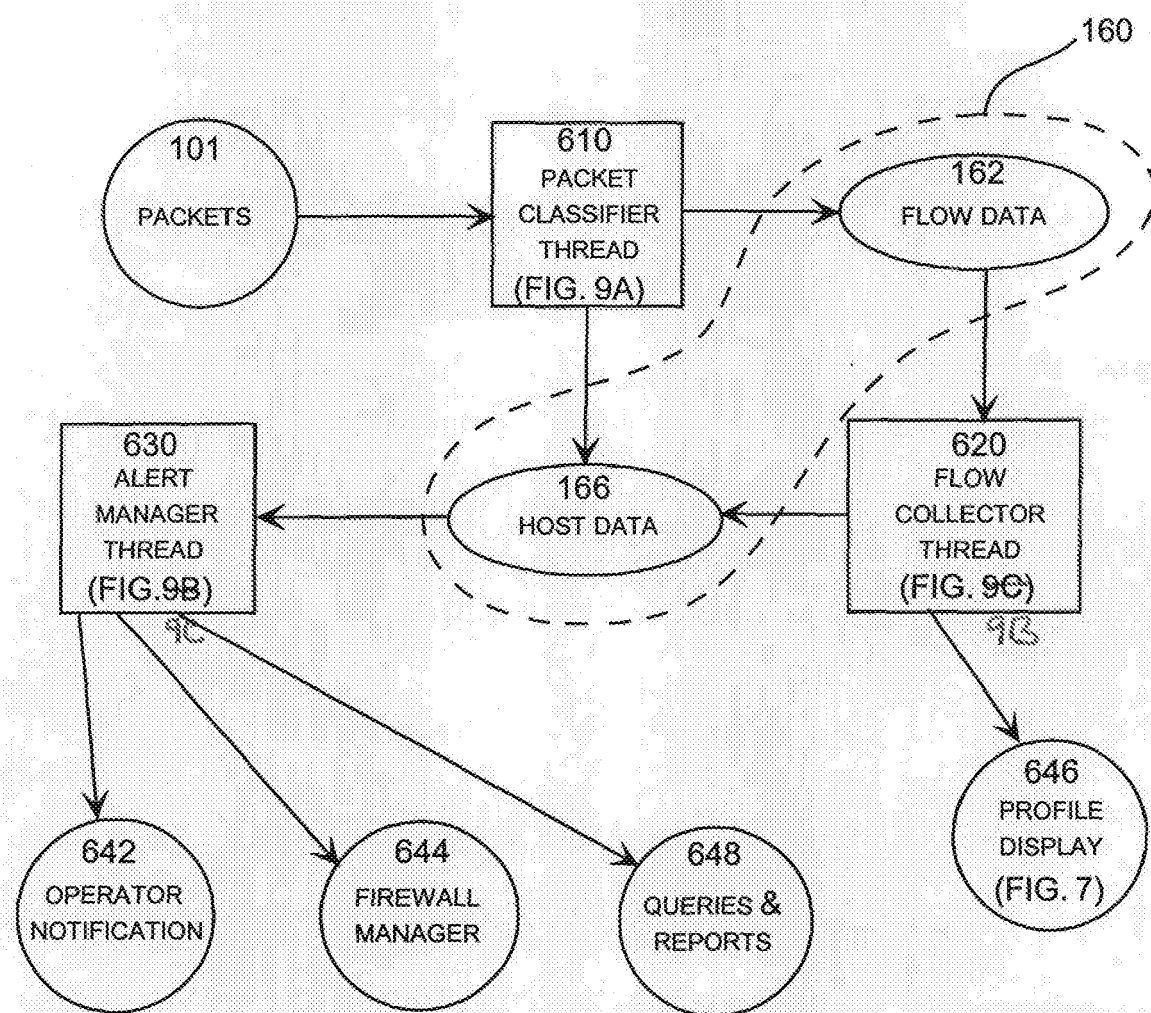


FIG. 6

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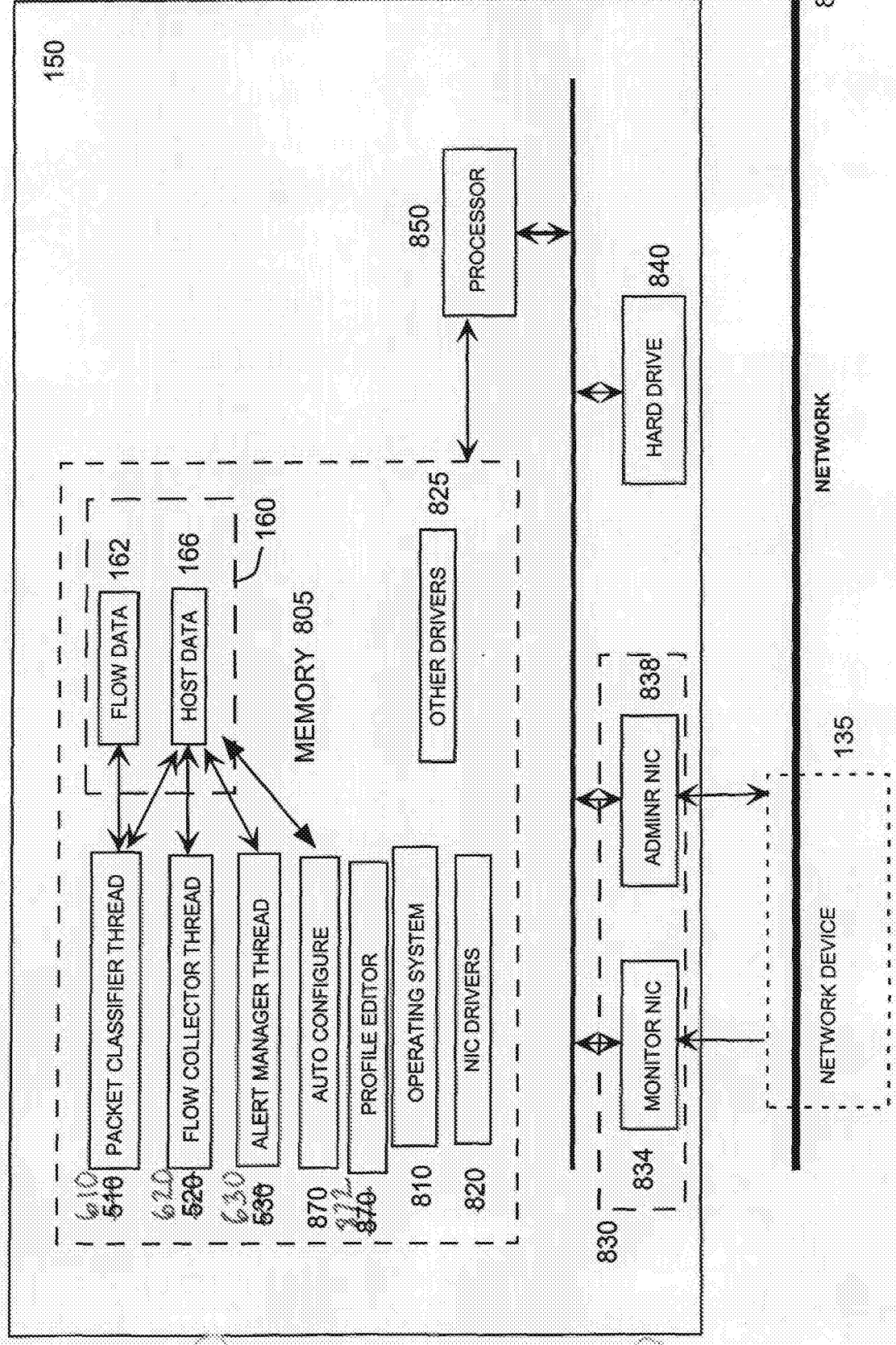


FIG. 8

610
PACKET CLASSIFIER
THREAD

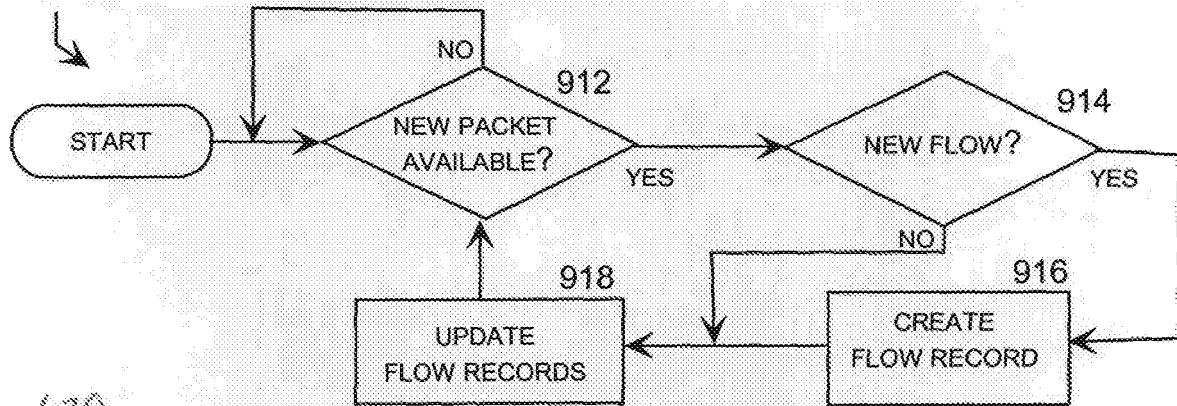


FIG. 9A

620
640
FLOW COLLECTOR
THREAD

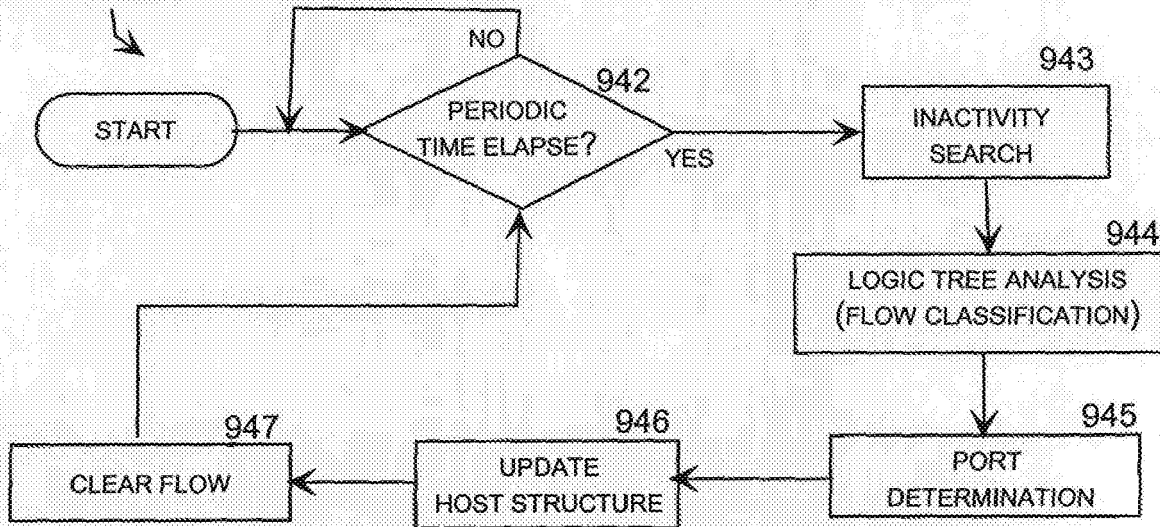


FIG. 9B

630
670
ALERT MANAGER
THREAD

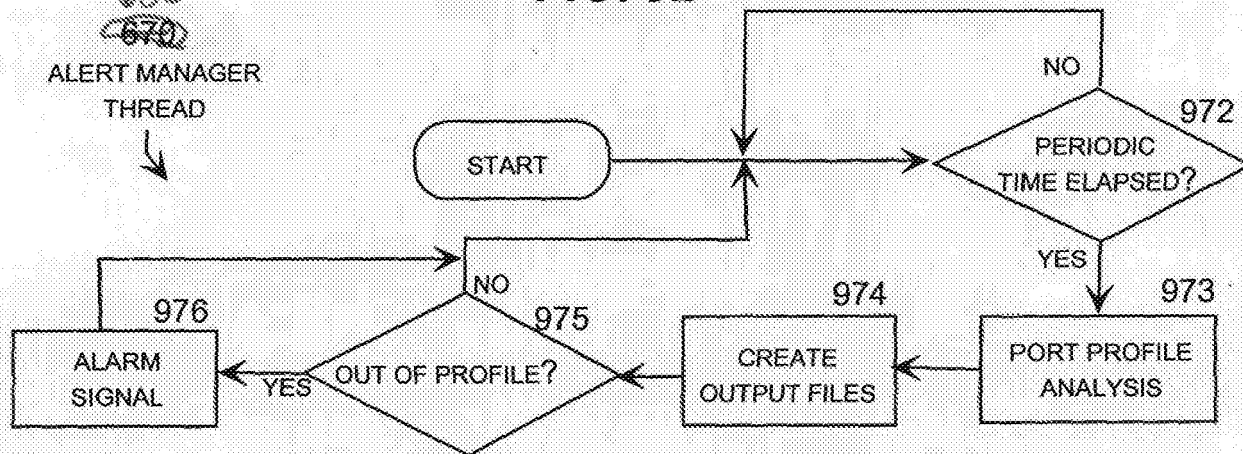


FIG. 9C